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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: You, Lord God, are before us as the radiance of the stars. One bright beam of Your spirit can illumine the mind and heart of any human. And so You call some of Your people to lead others through the difficult times of any dark day and become light to the nations.

Be with the Members of the House of Representatives today. They have great aspirations for achieving what is good for this Nation and desires to formulate laws and policies that will strengthen the Union. But temper their hopes with sincere humility before one another and before the people who truly govern.

To achieve justice is to live rightly in Your sight and simply accomplish Your Holy Will. To legislate for others does not ask for scholarship, but rather the boldness to act out of the wisdom that comes from a compassionate heart.

For You alone, Lord, are the fulfillment of the law and all the prophets, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KELLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KELLER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 335. Concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 97th anniversary.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-170, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate on Finance, announces the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Katie Beckett of Iowa.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 68-541, as amended by Public Law 102-246, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, appoints John Medveckis, of Pennsylvania, as a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a term of five years.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Arkansas may state his inquiry.

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, under the rules that are adopted for action in the House today, a very restrictive rule was adopted by the Rules Committee not allowing certain amendments in order, including an amendment by the senior-most Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, Mr. SKELTON, the number two man in our leadership, Mr. HOYER, and others.

Under the rules of the House, I know that rule can be modified by the Rules Committee if it meets again. May it also be modified by unanimous consent as this day progresses to allow other

amendments to be considered during the defense bill by this great Nation during a time of war?

The SPEAKER. The House by unanimous consent could modify the rule governing consideration of the bill.

Mr. SNYDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope that occurs fairly early this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. There will be five 1-minute speeches on each side.

LONE STAR VOICE: DIANNE ROWLAND

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, Dianne Rowland of Houston has written me about the illegal invasion into the United States. She writes, "I just heard that the Border Patrol is providing information to the Mexican Government on the location of the Minutemen. Obviously, the Mexican Government then relays that information to the illegals, since Mexico wants to transfer their problems to us."

"Stop the spying and reporting on the Minutemen. During World War II, would we have notified Japan or the Germans where we had Civil Air Patrol stations? I think not. This isn't any different, only we don't yet have a declared war with Mexico. However, it is apparent that we do have a war between the government and the American people."

"Leave the Minutemen alone. They are the only people I trust on the border. They are providing a service free of charge and doing a job that you, the government, can't do and refuse to do. They are not breaking any laws, but feeding information to Mexico should be against the law."

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